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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1374**  
Chise MUKAIDANI et al. : Docket No. 2004-1544A  
Serial No. 10/509,032 ✓ : Group Art Unit - Not yet assigned  
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A METHOD OF PROLIFERATING HUMAN : **Mail Stop: PCT - Sequence Listing**  
HEPATOCYTES AND A METHOD FOR  
OBTAINING HUMAN HEPATOCYTES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice dated February 9, 2005, Applicants hereby provide the following amendment and remarks: